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Public Service Commission of South Carolina P.O. Drawer 11649 Columbia, SC 29211

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We do not understand SCE&G's request for an almost 10% rate hike!

We're retired on limited income. No raise in our Social Security (COLA) this year supposedly because the economy is better. The economy is worse then it has ever been since the depression! Why does the government tell us differently when we are the ones living it not those that govern us.....they don't seem to mind spending money, especially ours!

Not only will it affect us, but think of those families that are having hard times. Husbands, wives, fathers, mothers, etc. have lost their jobs and are not finding jobs. How do you think these people will be able to pay their bills? They won't and utilities will turn off their electricity!

How many of you have gone to the grocery store and had to count what you were spending? I bet not many of you. Try it sometime using what low income people have...buying enough food to eat and also have enough to pay your utilities.

We used to be proud of this government, but in the past year it has crumbled! Greed has taken over and the government has given billions of dollars to ones that don't deserve it!!

Duke has sent out literature regarding South Carolina Energy Star Appliance Rebates, Smart Saver Rebates from Duke Energy and Federal Tax Credits. It sounds good, but when you can barely meet the bills how are you supposed to buy these?

Needless to say we are against a rate hike!

Sincerely.

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